

The Lakewood Township Committee held a Virtual Meeting on January 3, 2022 at 11:00 AM, with the following present:

Committee Members.....	Albert Akerman Raymond Coles Michael D’Elia Meir Lichtenstein Menashe P. Miller
Municipal Manager.....	Patrick Donnelly
Municipal Attorney.....	Steve Secare, Esq.
Municipal Clerk.....	Lauren Kirkman

Adequate notice of this meeting has been provided in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6, and published on the Township’s website as well as in the Star Ledger on December 15, 2021. The public was invited to participate prior to the meeting by emailing premeetingcomments@lakewoodnj.gov. The public was invited to participate during the meeting via comments@lakewoodnj.gov or by using Cisco’s Web-Ex by either phone (audio only) or computer (audio/visual). The Meeting ID# was 263-442-8012 The meeting as advertised was broadcast live and recorded through on Townhall Streams at <https://townhallstreams.com/>

ROLL CALL –Present: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman Coles, Committeeman D’Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, and Committeeman Miller.

Absent: None

Also present: Township Attorney: Steven Secare, Attorney Harold Hensel; Township Manager: Patrick Donnelly, and Township Clerk: Lauren Kirkman.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG AND PRAYER

Clerk Kirkman opened the reorganization meeting at 11:00 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE FOR TOWNSHIP COMMITTEEMAN: MEIR LICHTENSTEIN MENASHE MILLER

It was noted for the record that the Oath of Office for Meir Lichtenstein and Menashe Miller was previously administered by Steven Secare, Esq.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MAYOR:

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein for Raymond Coles as Mayor
Seconded by Committeeman Miller

Seeing no other nominations a roll call vote was called.

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller and Committeeman Coles.

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Negative: Committeeman Akerman

Motion carried to approve Raymond Coles as Mayor for 2022.

Steven Secare, Esq. administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Coles.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR:

Motion by Committeeman Akerman for Menashe Miller as Deputy Mayor
Seconded by Committeeman Lichtenstein

Seeing no other nominations a roll call vote was called.

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Mayor Coles, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Committeeman Miller.

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Negative: None

Motion carried to approve Menashe Miller as Deputy Mayor for 2022.

Steven Secare, Esq. administered the Oath to Deputy Mayor Miller.

Mayor Coles announced the nomination of Steven Secare, Esq. and the firm Secare and Hensel as the Township Attorney for 2022. Attorney Secare thanked the Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed below are considered to be routine by the Township of Lakewood and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no formal discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, this item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to adopt the consent agenda Resolutions 2022-001 through 2022-062.

Motion by Committeeman Lichtenstein
Seconded by Committeeman Akerman

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein with abstention as noted below, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None

Abstain: Committeeman Lichtenstein (2022-023, 2022-027, 2022-028)

Absent: None

Motion Carried to adopt consent agenda.

- 2022-001 Appointing Secare & Hensel, Esq. As Township Attorneys
- 2022-002 Setting The 2022 Meeting Dates Of The Lakewood Township Committee
- 2022-003 Setting The 2022 Meeting Dates Of The Lakewood Township Board Of Health
- 2022-004 Setting Procedure For Remote Meetings
- 2022-005 Authorizing Temporary Budget Appropriations For 2022
- 2022-006 Designating Official Newspapers For The Township Of Lakewood
- 2022-007 Awarding A Contract To And Authorizing The Appointment Of Holman Frenia Allison, P.C., As Township Auditor
- 2022-008 Setting Interest Rates On Tax Delinquencies And Designating Effie Pressley And Svetlana Dilone As Tax Searchers
- 2022-009 Authorizing The Cancellation Of Tax Overpayments Or Delinquent Amounts Less Than \$10.00 Imposing Year End Penalties On Tax Arrearages
- 2022-010 Imposing Year End Penalties On Tax Arrearages
- 2022-011 Appointing Lauren Kirkman As Liquor License Administrator
- 2022-012 Appointing Lauren Kirkman As Liability Assessment Search Officer
- 2022-013 Designating Banks As Depositories For The Township Of Lakewood
- 2022-014 Designating The Cash Management Plan For The Township Of Lakewood
- 2022-015 Appointing Insurance Fund Commissioner – Senator Robert W. Singer
- 2022-016 Appointing Alternate Insurance Fund Commissioners - Menashe P. Miller And Meir Lichtenstein
- 2022-017 Appointing Deputy Coordinators To The Lakewood Township Emergency Management Services - Israel Bursztyn, Michael J. D'elia, Dov Dembitzer, Moshe Ehrman, Moshe Heineman, Chief Gregg Meyer, Meir Lichtenstein, Menashe P. Miller, Yisroel Schenkolewski, And Sgt. Frank Work
- 2022-018 Emergency Management C.E.R.T. Coordinator – Israel Bursztyn & Moshe Ehrman
- 2022-019 Appointing Conflict Municipal Court Judge – Daniel F. Sahin, Esq. "
- 2022-020 Appointing Special Ii Police Officers – Lorenzo Camacho, Kyle Carrington, Daniel Charles Hourigan, Jacob Matthews, Bryan Michael Vega And Steve Wexler
- 2022-021 Appointing Dr. Hillel Peltz As Volunteer Physician For The Lakewood Police Department
- 2022-022 Awarding A Contract To And Authorizing The Appointment Of Township Tax Appeal Attorney - Salvatore Alfieri, Esq. Of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs
- 2022-023 Awarding A Contract To And Authorizing The Apointment Of Alternate Township Tax Appeal Attorney– Laura Halm, Esq. Of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm & Halm And Sean Gertner, Esq. Of Gertner & Gertner

- 2022-024 Awarding A Contract To And Authorizing The Appointment Of Municipal Prosecutor – Ian Goldman, Esq.
- 2022-025 Awarding A Contract To And Authorizing The Appointment Of Conflict Prosecutor – Morgan Montano, Esq., Michael Burns, Esq., And Martin Buckley, Esq.
- 2022-026 Awarding A Contract To And Authorizing The Appointment Of Public Defender - Leib Klein, Esq.
- 2022-027 Awarding Contracts To And Authorizing The Appointment Of Conflict Public Defenders – Laura Halm, Esq. Of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm & Halm, Sean Gertner, Esq. Of Gertner & Gertner And Terrance L. Turnbach, Esq. Of Starkey, Kelly, Kenneally, Cunningham & Turnbach
- 2022-028 Awarding A Contract To And Authorizing The Appointment Of Special Township Counsels – Sean Gertner, Esq. Of Gertner & Gertner, Sean Kean, Esq. Of Clearly, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs, Laura Halm, Esq. Of Rothstein, Mandell, Strohm & Halm And Chris Dasti, Esq.
- 2022-029 Awarding A Contract To And Authorizing The Appointment Of Township Labor Attorney - Steve Secare, Esq., Harold Hensel, Esq., Of Secare & Hensel
- 2022-030 Awarding A Contract To And Authorizing The Appointment Of Attorney For The Lakewood Industrial Commission - Sean T. Kean, Esq., Of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri & Jacobs
- 2022-031 Awarding A Contract To And Authorizing The Appointment Of Township Bond Counsel – Gluckwalrath, LLP
- 2022-032 Awarding Professional Services Contract To Phoenix Advisors, Llc
- 2022-033 Awarding Professional Services Contract To Steven Kunzman, Esq. For Special Attorney For Affordable Housing Matters
- 2022-034 Appointing A Representative To The County Housing Advisory Committee - Ervin Oross, Director Of Community Development
- 2022-035 Appointing A Township Representative To The Community Development Block Grant Selection Committee - Ervin Oross
- 2022-036 Appointing Cassandra Johnson, Aivar Rannamyae, And Steven Secare, Esq., Tax Assessor, Deputy Tax Assessor, And Township Attorney To Act As Agents Of The Township For Tax Appeals
- 2022-037 Appointing A Lakewood Public Agency Compliance Officer – Cindy Schwartz
- 2022-038 Awarding Contract And Authorizing The Appointment Of Ted Lamicella Of Associated Appraisal Group, Anthony Graziano, And Robert Gagliano For Appraisal Services
- 2022-039 Appointing Remington & Vernick Engineers To The Position Of Township Engineer
- 2022-040 Appointing Maser Consulting, Remington & Vernick Engineers, & T&M Associates As Engineers & Planners For Special Projects
- 2022-041 Appointing Craig Theibault As Member To The Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority
- 2022-042 Awarding A Professional Services Contract For Engineering And Consulting Services At Lakewood Airport – Dy Consultants
- 2022-043 Authorizing A Professional Services Appointment Of Salvatore Alfieri, Esq. Of The Law Firm Of Cleary, Giacobbe, Alfieri, Jacobs As The Attorney For In Rem

- Foreclosure Matters In The Township
- 2022-044 Appointing Patrick Donnelly As Municipal Housing Liaison And Ervin Oross As Administrative Housing Agent
- 2022-045 Authorizing A Memorandum Of Understanding With Chaveirim Volunteer Services Inc., Lakewood Civilian Safety Watch, Hatzolah And Local Search And Rescue D/B/A Lakewood Search And Rescue
- 2022-046 Authorizing The Execution Of An Shared Services Agreement Between The Township Of Lakewood And The Lakewood Municipal Utilities Authority (Fuel)
- 2022-047 Awarding Professional Services Contracts Pursuant To N.J.S.A. 40a:11-5 For Township Representative For The Community Development Block Grant Committee
- 2022-048 Authorizing The Tax Collector To Hold An Electronic Tax Sale For The Township
- 2022-049 Appointing The Ada Compliance Committee And Disabilities Commission Members
- 2022-050 Appointing Members Of The Board Of Health
- 2022-051 Appointing Emergency Planning Council Members
- 2022-052 Appointing Green Team Advisory Board Members
- 2022-053 Appointing Heritage Commission Members
- 2022-054 Appointing Members To The Lakewood Development Corporation
- 2022-055 Appointing Members To The Parks And Recreation Advisory Board
- 2022-056 Appointing Members To The Lakewood Planning Board
- 2022-057 Appointing Members To The Shade Tree Commission
- 2022-058 Appointing Members To The Utilites Advisory Committee
- 2022-059 Appointing Members To The Veterans Advisory Committee
- 2022-060 Appointing Members To The Zoning Board Of Adjustment
- 2022-061 Authorizing Shared Service Agreement and Emergency Rehab Plan with Lakewood Fire District Number 1 And Lakewood Township Department of Emergency Medical Services
- 2022-062 Appointing Police Chaplains

Mayor Coles read the Appointments and Liaisonships for 2022.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ADA Compliance Committee and Disabilities Commission: (Liaison -Raymond Coles)
1 year terms – Raymond Coles, Menashe Miller, Albert Akerman, Michael D’Elia, Patrick Donnelly, Justin Flancbaum, Meir Lichtenstein, Steve Reinman, Mike Saccomanno

Board of Health: (Liaison – Menashe P. Miller)
1 year terms-Dr. Hillel Peltz, Albert Akerman, Raymond Coles, Michael D’Elia Menashe Miller, Meir Lichtenstein

Emergency Planning Council: (Liaison - Meir Lichtenstein) 1 year terms-Morty Berger, Mark Berkowitz, Michael J. D'Elia, Patrick Donnelly, Anita Doyle (LIC), Meir Lichtenstein, Police Chief Gregg Meyer, Menashe P. Miller, Michael Saccomanno (Code Enforcement), Yisroel Schenkolewski, Motty Twerski, Crystal Van de Zilver (EMS), Sgt. Frank Work, Fire Chief John Yahr

Green Team Advisory Board: Raymond G. Coles – Mayor; Patrick Donnelly – Township Manager; Phil Roux – Director of Public Works; Brian Cop – Department of Public Works; Tony Ruiz – Department of Public Works; Patricia Komsa – Director of Human Resources; Samantha Everett – Human Resources; Jose “Murphy” Santiago – Department of Public Works; Rose Frey – Department of Public Works

Heritage Commission: (Liaison - Raymond Coles)
3 year terms- John Barron, Rich Erickson, Robert Kirschner, Edith Wolpin, Armen Hagopian

Housing Authority: (Liaison – Raymond Coles)
5 year Term: No appointments at this time.

Industrial Commission: (Liaison – Michael J. D’Elia)
5 year term – No appointment at this time

Lakewood Development Corporation: (Liaison - Raymond Coles/Albert D. Akerman)
2 year terms – Leib Gold, Michael McNeil, Abraham Mueller
1 year term – Albert Akerman, Raymond Coles

Lakewood Township Municipal Utilities Authority: (Liaison: Meir Lichtenstein)
5 year terms: Craig Theibault

Municipal Alliance: (Liaison – Raymond Coles)
No New Appointments – Appoints on Fiscal Year Calendar

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board/ Special Events: (Liaison –Raymond Coles)
1 year terms -- Jorge Esmart, Gay Higgins-Dickey, Shabsi Ganzweig, Sgt. Frank Work
4 year terms – No appointments due at this time

Planning Board: (Liaison – Albert D. Akerman)
4 year term (Class IV) – Hector Fuentes, Levy Issacson, Moshe Neiman
2 year term (Alternate) – Jacob Meyer (1), David Helmreich (Alt 2)
1 year term (Class II) – Justin Flancbaum

Shade Tree Commission: (Liaison – Menashe P. Miller)
5 year term – Akiva Silversein

Transportation Board: (Liaison – Menashe P. Miller)

No New Appointments

Zoning Board of Adjustment: (Liaison –Michael J. D’Elia)
2 year term (Alternate)– Yitzchok Gartnenhaus
4 year terms–Abe Halberstam, Avraham Naftali, Moshe Inger

MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Mayor's Council of Presidents of Adult Communities:
Current Presidents of Adult Communities

Utilities Advisory Committee:
Shmuel Binder, Charlie Cannata, Hal Halvorsen, Meir Lichtenstein, Gregg Stafford-Smith
Alternate: Mike McNeil

Veterans Advisory Committee:
Walter Bean, Major Raphael Berdugo, Michael Berman, Esq., Nathan Eisen, Thomas Lorenc,
Steven Secare, Mark A. Seigel

MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Planning Board

1 year term (Mayor) – Ray Coles
1 year term (Mayor’s Designee) – Moshe Raitzik
1 year term (Class III) – Albert Akerman

2022 MAYOR'S LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

ALBERT D. AKERMAN

BUDGET MANAGEMENT
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION
COMMUNITY CENTER
ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
INSPECTION DEPARTMENT
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF ADULT COMMUNITIES
PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC RELATIONS
TAX ASSESSOR

RAYMOND COLES

ADA COMPLIANCE & DISABILITIES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
HERITAGE COMMISSION
HOUSING AUTHORITY
LAKEWOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
PARKS AND RECREATION/F EVENTS
PLANNING BOARD
SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES
TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD

MICHAEL J. D'ELIA

BUDGET MANAGEMENT
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
FIRE DEPARTMENT
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION
LEGAL DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL COMMUNITY EVENTS
TAX COLLECTOR
ZONING BOARD

2022 MAYOR'S LIAISON APPOINTMENTS CONTINUED

MEIR LICHTENSTEIN

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

FIRST AID & EMT

MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS OF ADULT COMMUNITIES

MUNICIPAL COURT

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

POLICE COMMISSIONER

STREET LIGHTING

TOWNSHIP EMERGENCY SERVICES

UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MENASHE P. MILLER

AIRPORT

ADVERTISING AND CIVIC DISPLAY

BOARD OF HEALTH

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANTS

COMPLETE COUNT COMMITTEE

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

REGISTRAR

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

TOWNSHIP CLERK

TRANSPORTATION

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION

ORDINANCES FOR FIRST READING- None

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2022-001 Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending Chapter II, Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of Lakewood, 1999, Entitled "Administration" Section 2-47.8 Entitled "Compensation

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 2022-001.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller

Seconded by Committeeman D'Elia

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried to introduce Ordinance 2022-001 with a public hearing on January 13, 2022.

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2022-002 An Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending Chapter X, Of The Revised General Ordinances Of The Township Of Lakewood, 1999, Entitled "Personnel Policies" Section 9.3 Entitled "Retirement"

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 2022-002.

Motion by Committeeman Akerman

Seconded by Committeeman D'Elia

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried to introduce Ordinance 2022-002 with a public hearing on January 13, 2022.

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2022-003 Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Amending And Supplementing An Ordinance Entitled "Ordinance Establishing The Annual Minimum And Maximum Salary Ranges For The Offices And Positions Of Persons Employed By The Township Of Lakewood In The County Of Ocean And State Of New Jersey And Providing For An Effective Date 20 Days After Publication After Final Adoption

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 2022-003.

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia

Seconded by Committeeman Lichtenstein

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried to introduce Ordinance 2022-003 with a public hearing on January 13, 2022.

Clerk Kirkman read the following Ordinance by title only:

2022-004 Ordinance Of The Township Of Lakewood, County Of Ocean, State Of New Jersey, Dedicating To Itself Portions Of Block 11.10, Lots 16 And 17 And Accepting From The Property Owner Of Block 11.10, Lot 15 A Portion Therof For Right Of Way Improvements To Van Buren Avenue To Extend/Expand A De Facto Cul-De-Sac At The Terminus Of Said Street

Mayor Coles asked for a motion to introduce ordinance 2022-004.

Motion by Committeeman D'Elia

Seconded by Committeeman Akerman

On Roll Call:

Affirmative: Committeeman Akerman, Committeeman D'Elia, Committeeman Lichtenstein, Deputy Mayor Miller and Mayor Coles.

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried to introduce Ordinance 2022-004 with a public hearing on January 13, 2022.

ORDINANCES FOR SECOND READING- None

CORRESPONDENCE- None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public was invited to participate prior to the meeting by emailing premeetingcomments@lakewoodnj.gov. The public was invited to participate during the meeting via comments@lakewoodnj.gov or by using Cisco's Web-Ex by either phone (audio only) or computer (audio/visual).

Mayor Coles opened the meeting.

There were no comments.

Seeing no comments, Mayor Coles closed the meeting to the public.

COMMENTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS –

Committeeman Lichtenstein congratulated Mayor Coles and stated he looked forward to working with Mayor Coles and Deputy Mayor Miller in the upcoming year. Committeeman Lichtenstein indicated many residents were facing various road blocks and issues as well as health problems. Committeeman Lichtenstein expressed his hope that the pandemic would end soon and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Committeeman Akerman wished everyone a Happy New Year. Committeeman Akerman expressed good luck to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for 2022. Committeeman Akerman noted the Township has been through a lot with the pandemic and noted the people can trust that it is not just shutting down. Committeeman Akerman hoped the Committee would make the right decisions and indicated he looked forward to a successful 2022. Committeeman Akerman thanked Amanda and Jason of the IT department as well as Trish Komsa from Human Resources for their hard work this past year.

Deputy Mayor Miller congratulated Mayor Coles and stated he would stand by his side and look forward to the changes. Deputy Mayor Miller thanked the business administrator, Patrick Donnelly for being available. Deputy Mayor Miller noted that Lakewood has been open for business and would continue to be. Deputy Mayor Miller indicated the Township would be getting a 24-hour ATM type machine for people to make transactions. Deputy Mayor Miller thanked his assistant, Sara Kay, for all her hard work this year. Deputy Mayor Miller also thanked assistant Evan Cornell for his hard work this year and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Committeeman D'Elia thanked everyone for the last year noting that it had been very hard. Committeeman D'Elia thanked Mayor Coles and Deputy Mayor Miller and stated that he looked forward to working with them in the upcoming year. Committeeman D'Elia thanked Mayor Coles and Deputy Mayor Miller for their loyalty and wished everyone the best.

Mayor Coles stated the comments meant a lot as it had been a tough couple of years and that the Township had accomplished a lot. Mayor Coles thanked Township Attorneys Secare and Attorney Hensel, Clerk Kirkman and Administrator Donnelly for all their work this year. Mayor Coles wished everyone a happy and healthy new year.

GOD BLESS AMERICA was played.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Deputy Mayor Miller, second by Committeeman Akerman, with all in favor to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 PM.

Lauren Kirkman, RMC, CMR
Township Clerk